

REMARKS

Applicant expresses appreciation to the Examiner for consideration of the subject patent application. This amendment is in response to the final Office Action mailed August 31, 2006. Applicant respectfully requests entry of this amendment after final as it places the claims in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-13, and 24-28 remain in the application. Claims 1-28 were originally presented.

Claim 15-23 have been canceled without prejudice. Claim 14 was previously canceled. Claim 10 has been amended to correct a typo, without narrowing the scope thereof. Claims 24-28 have been amended to be allowable.

The indication of allowed claims 1-13, and the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 20-22, and 24-28, if rewritten in independent form, is acknowledged with appreciation. Therefore, claims 24-28 have been amended to include independent claim 15, and are thus allowable.

Therefore, claims 1-13 and 24-28 are in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 15-19 and 23 (including independent claim 15) were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kania et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,306,178).

Claims 15-19 and 23 have been canceled.

Additionally, claims 15-17 and 23 (including independent claim 15) were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Christensen (U.S. Patent No. 6,241,776).

Claims 15-17 and 23 have been canceled.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1-13 and 24-28 are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicant requests that the rejections and objections be withdrawn, and that the claims be allowed and passed to issue. If any impediment to the allowance of these claims remains after entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is strongly encouraged to call Garron M. Hobson at (801) 566-6633 so that such matters may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

A check in the amount of \$400.00 is included for four additional independent claims. Nine claims were canceled (claims 15-23) including one independent claim (claim 15) while five claims were made independent (claims 24-28).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 20-0100.

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